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SUBJ: TEN PERCENT BILLING REQUIREMENT

REF: (A) STATE 203992 (B) STATE 202753 (C) 175409 AND
(D) 211778 OF NOV. 22, 1972.

SUMMARY: EMBASSY WILL DELIVER NOTE TO GOP SUBMITTING
BILL FOR \$28,800 TO COVER ENTIRE FY 1973 TRAINING, PLUS
\$600 (10 PERCENT) FOR 4TH QUARTER FY 1973 MATERIEL
DELIVERIES, FOR TOTAL OF \$29,400. ACTION REQUIRED: EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING LIST OF ARA COUNTRIES WHO HAVE
AND HAVE NOT PAID QUARTERLY TEN PERCENT BILLS IN ORDER
TO ADDRESS GOP CLAIM OF NON-PAYMENT BY OTHER COUNTRIES
RECEIVING MAP.

1. WITH RESPECT TO REFTELS (B) AND (C), EMBASSY PRE-
FERRED TO AWAIT RECEIPT OF CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL TRAINING
BILLING AND THEN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ONE TIME FOR ENTIRE
FISCAL YEAR. ALTHOUGH INFORMAL EFFORTS WERE MADE BY
MILGP PERSONNEL TO ENCOURAGE PAYMENT OF BILLS, SUCH
EFFORTS, TO DATE, HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT GUARDIA NACIONAL OFFICERS

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BELIEVE OTHER LA'S ARENOT PAYING THEIR FY 1973 TEN

PERCENT DEPOSIT BILLS. GN IS RELUCTANT TO PAY AS LONG AS OTHERS (THEIR VIEW) ARE NOT PAYING. GN IS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE TEN PERCENT REQUIREMENT, AS EVIDENCED BY RELATIVELY PROMPT AGREEMENT TO REQUIREMENT INITIALLY AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS BILLED ON BALANCE OF FY 1972 MAP.

2. WE BELIEVE FIGURES SHOWN FOR PANAMA IN DEPARTMENT'S BILLING FOR 4TH QUARTER FY 1973 DELIVERIES/SERVICES (REFTEL A) ARE IN ERROR. DOD/DSAA'S RECOMMENDED BILLING SUMMARY, WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN USED AS BASIS FOR DEPARTMENT'S FIGURES, INCLUDES \$2,000 FOR FY 1972 MATERIEL ASSISTANCE. THE BILL FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE BALANCE FOR FY 1972 (FORWARDED IN REFTEL D) WAS PRESENTED TO GOP AND PAID. IN ADDITION, SINCE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS FY 1973 TRAINING BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, DEPARTMENT'S BILLING FOR ENTIRE FY 1973 TRAINING SHOULD REFLECT, IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS: ARMY - 181, NAVY - 4, AND AIR FORCE - 103, FOR A TOTAL BILLING OF 288. WE ARE ADDING \$6,000 FOR 4TH QUARTER FY 1973 MATERIEL DELIVERIES TO THIS, FOR A TOTAL BILLING DUE FROM GOP OF \$29,400.

3. HAVING RECEIVED BILLING FOR ENTIRE FY 1973 TRAINING AND FOR 4TH QUARTER FY 1973 MATERIEL ASSISTANCE (REFTEL C), EMBASSY WILL DELIVER NOTE TO GOP SUBMITTING BILL AND ADVISING THAT GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TRAINING, MAY BE SUSPENDED IN THE EVENT OF NON-PAYMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT IS PRESENTED BY EMBASSY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING LIST OF ARA COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE AND HAVE NOT PAID THEIR QUARTERLY TEN PERCENT BILLS IN ORDER TO RESPOND PROPERLY TO CLAIMS BY GN OF NON-PAYMENT BY OTHER LA'S.
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